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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The week averaged considerably colder than normal. Light to moderate snow fell over most of the western portion of the state, and little or none in the central and east. Wind movement was generally light until the week-end, when there were fresh to strong west to northwest winds on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. There was more than the usual amount of sunshine.

CROPS Wheat in most of the western half of the state received some precipitation early in the past week and again during the past week-end. The crop made progress in the western part of the state where the moisture situation has been more favorable. Winds, during the past week-end, were a little severe causing some soil blowing. Wheat needs moisture badly throughout and particularly in the eastern half of the state. The top soil is dry, the winds having removed the slight moisture that was received. The plants appear to be alive yet, but are needing rain badly to make normal growth.

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There are still a few farm auctions with some farmers leaving their farms. There was a little farm work done last week. Some oats have been sown in southeastern Nebraska. The surface moisture supply in the northeast is more nearly adequate for spring small grain seeding.

Hay supplies are a little short in some of the counties. A few counties report a surplus. Moisture is needed badly throughout the state to start the pastures. Farmers are hoping the pastures will start out early to relieve the feed shortage. About one-fourth of the counties are reporting a shortage of hay and forage.

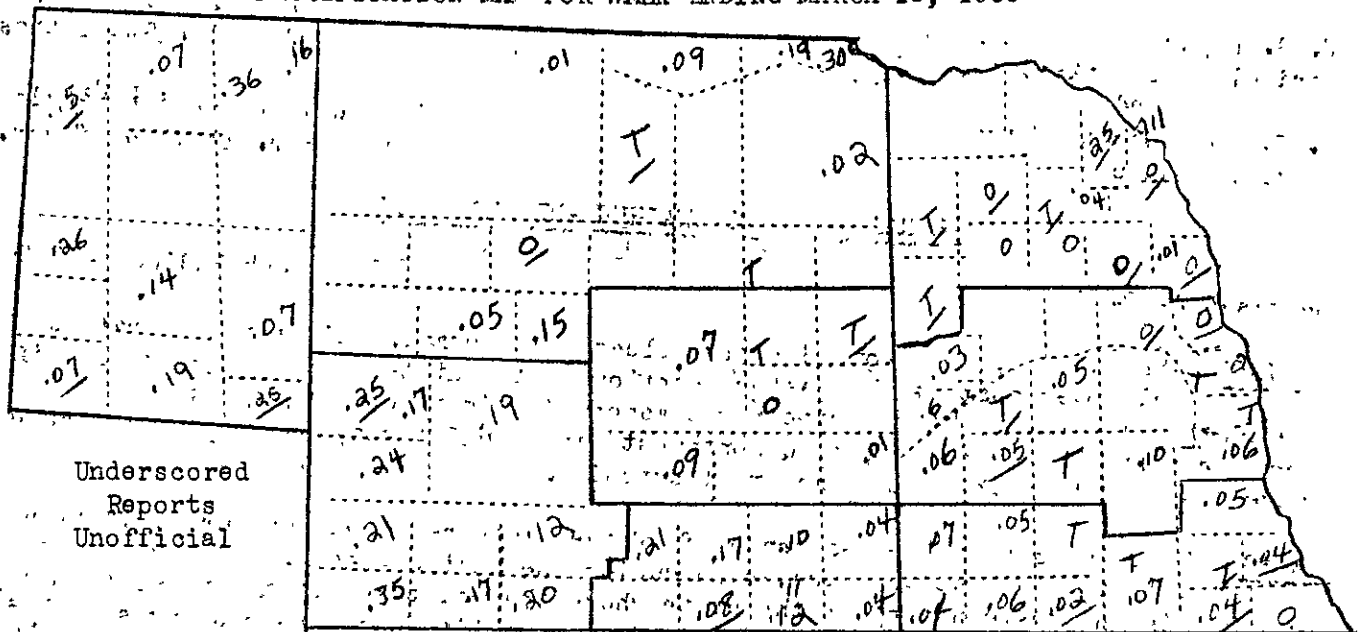
Interest in pump irrigation continues. A number of the counties are reporting considerable activity. Some early irrigation is being done. Snow-pack in the mountains is considerably larger, but probably not more than ample to fill the reservoirs since storage is low.

LIVESTOCK The drop in temperatures with high winds was a little severe on the newly born calves, lambs and pigs. The small and dwindling supplies of grain and hay feeds are causing some concern to livestock producers. The insufficient moisture to bring early pastures is causing further concern. Numbers of laying hens and pullets nationally are slightly below that of a year ago.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 19, 1956

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island .01	Burwell 0	Chadron .03
Lincoln .09	North Platte .15	Imperial .21
Norfolk .03	Valentine 0	Scottsbluff .16
Omaha 0		Sidney .37
Sioux City 0		

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 16, 1956



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		March 13th		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th		19th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	32	9	32	16	26	2	34	23	47	29	51	26	51	25
	Scottsbluff	31	8	36	19	25	7	33	18	37	24	51	24	53	24
NC	Sidney	29	7	41	19	23	2	31	13	46	29	50	23	52	23
	Burwell	--	--	--	--	25	16	39	19	50	31	54	26	44	17
NE	Valentine	27	4	31	12	22	6	35	22	46	31	48	30	40	23
	Norfolk	30	16	43	19	25	16	37	21	48	30	55	31	40	14
CEN	Sioux City	28	15	42	19	30	16	36	17	47	31	53	30	39	18
	Grand Island	29	15	45	23	32	18	32	22	51	31	58	27	46	18
EC	Lincoln	29	18	47	24	38	22	33	24	50	34	60	33	43	23
	Omaha	27	0	45	21	36	19	35	19	46	30	60	34	43	19
SW	Imperial	29	0	40	23	27	12	32	17	50	28	57	26	53	19
	North Platte	30	10	42	23	26	13	34	22	52	23	57	22	49	19